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STATEMENTS
CONCERNING THE
TRADE AND COMMERCE
OF THE
CITY OF MONTREAL,
For 1862;

BEING A REPRINT OF THREE ARTICLES FROM THE "DAILY WITNESS,"

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- I.—THE PRODUCE TRADE.
 - II.—THE SHIPPING INTERESTS.
 - III.—FINANCIAL MATTERS.
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INTRODUCTION.

The general business of the City of Montreal, during the year 1862, has been spoken of by those best qualified to form an estimate of what has been done in the various branches of trade and commerce, as much greater than that of any preceding year. The aim of the *DAILY WITNESS*, in originally giving the articles which constitute the following pages, was only to furnish some details of the main departments of commerce; and the reprinting of them affords an opportunity for adducing a few additional facts. It would have been a very easy matter to have indulged in lengthy comments upon the tables; that, however, was unnecessary. What has been adduced goes far to confirm the truth of a remark made recently in the *London Illustrated News*, that our city "has established herself as the second port of export on the Atlantic seaboard,—that is, ahead of Boston and Philadelphia." We have no statement of the first-named city at hand; but, according to the annual report of the Corn Exchange of Philadelphia, the trade in Breadstuffs of that city, last year, was:—

ARRIVALS.				SHIPMENTS.			
Wheat Flour, brls.	-	-	970,654	Flour, brls.	-	-	464,290
Rye Flour, brls.	-	-	11,162	Corn Meal, brls.	-	-	70,149
Corn Meal, brls.	-	-	54,116	Wheat, bushels	-	-	1,967,673
Wheat, bushels	-	-	3,059,515	Corn, bushels	-	-	778,525
Corn, bushels	-	-	1,732,121				
Oats, bushels	-	-	1,408,450				

Rendering Flour into Wheat, the arrivals were equal to 11,379,745 bushels, or less than half the receipts in this city, as shown in the following pages; the exports being equal only to 5,418,393 bushels, while for Montreal the quantity was equal to nearly seventeen million bushels, as shown on page 9.

The fact that Montreal occupies a most commanding geographical situation, on the great commercial highway which connects Lakes Superior and Michigan with all the ports of Europe, has begun to attract attention. The St. Lawrence Canals, which form a very small portion of the navigation, are free to vessels of every nation; and the Canadian route to the ocean is superior in this, that the passage of laden boats through the Erie Canal not unfrequently occupies thirteen days between Buffalo and the Hudson,—while a sailing-vessel can pass from the Welland Canal to Montreal in less than half that time.

Another important consideration is that the St. Lawrence route, from the Far West to Europe, is shorter by 430 miles than *via* Oswego and New York city; while Montreal is nearer Liverpool than New York is, by 300 miles. The advantages of sending merchandise and passengers, intended for the North-Western States, must be obvious,—especially so far as emigrants are concerned, for they can reach their destination in less time, be subject to fewer mishaps and annoyances incident to frequent changes of conveyance, and withal travel much more economically, than those who are landed at other Atlantic ports. To make the St. Lawrence navigation as safe as that of the open sea, and most materially to lessen the expense of voyages inward and outward, the River and Gulf only require to have a sufficient number of lighthouses properly placed. A most competent authority says the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence, to the north of Newfoundland and Gaspé, are much more free from fogs than the coast of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; and there is no reason why the whole route should not be made as safe as the sailing from Boston or New York. Why should not the requisite improvements be made without delay? But, besides the duty devolving upon the Provincial Government to adopt instant measures to enable mariners to choose the shortest route with perfect safety,—*viz.*, by placing lights and buoys at all necessary points of the River and Gulf, including the Straits of Belleisle,—there is a very weighty obligation resting upon the commercial community of Montreal to make adequate provision for the increased number

of sea-going vessels coming to this port. We look forward to the time when the numerous importers in the North-Western States will bring all their merchandise up the St. Lawrence, instead of having it forwarded by other devious routes,—and to that day when the bulk of their surplus grain will find its natural outlet to the ocean by our noble river; but, properly to accommodate that flow of inward and outward commerce, double our present harbor accommodation may before long be needed. It is therefore the dictate of wisdom that the business-men of Montreal should unite on some project for increased harbor accommodation, that will be adequate to the wants of commerce, and yield us all the advantages of that position in which Providence has placed us,—the key to the North-West, the Red River country and the Hudson's Bay region,—while it also forms the gateway of the future route to the Pacific Ocean.

In regard to the Wholesale Grocery Market of our city, it may be remarked that a decidedly better position has been attained, in consequence of direct importations by the St. Lawrence. The improvement has been specially manifest in regard to Tea, and buyers throughout Canada have generally been satisfied both with the qualities and prices. In other groceries the same influence has been experienced, and the Trade are determined to merit its continuance. There has been a considerable extension of business connections,—buyers of groceries from the Western States having been attracted hither, who have operated freely during the past year.

Our Financial article will enable the merchants and manufacturers of Europe to form some idea of the amount of capital concentrated in Montreal; and it may be further stated, that large additions are by and by to be made to our pecuniary wealth. In fact, our city is not only the commercial, but the monetary capital of Canada; and thus a vast advantage is enjoyed by all kinds of business centering here,—for the very best arrangements can be made in all branches of finance, as well as in the buying, selling, and shipping of Produce, &c.

The immense increase of our grain trade,—the quadrupling of the tonnage of the port in six years,—the great extent of the inland freighting arrangements,—the increase of manufactures in existing establishments, and the springing up of new branches of industry,—the increase of new buildings within the past few years,—taken in connection with the rapidly increasing population,—combine to attest the enterprise and prosperity of Montreal, not only present but prospective. For instance, the number of new buildings of all descriptions erected in 1856, was 543; in '57, 376; in '58, 292; in '59, 342; in '60, 594; in '61, 579; and in '62, 552;—making a total of 3,278 in seven years. As regards population, the census of 1851 gave Montreal 57,715 inhabitants; and the census of 1861 gave 91,169 in the nine wards, with 10,433 in the continuation of the suburbs,—the aggregate being 101,602. The increase in the wards in ten years was 33,454, or 58 per cent.; and as the ratio of augmentation has been increasing, it is believed that the aggregate population now is between 115,000 and 120,000. According to the census figures, Montreal stands tenth in order of the North American cities. The following statement shows the population of the cities named, in 1861:—

New York,	-	-	814,277	Boston,	-	-	177,902	Chicago,	-	-	109,420
Philadelphia,	-	-	568,034	New Orleans,	-	-	170,766	Montreal,	-	-	101,602
Brooklyn,	-	-	273,425	St. Louis,	-	-	152,179	Buffalo,	-	-	84,132
Baltimore,	-	-	214,037	Cincinnati,	-	-	160,060				

Many more important items might be added, did not limited space forbid. In presenting our pamphlet to the public, we altogether disclaim the idea that it is exhaustive as a statement of the few branches of commerce which have been reviewed. We believe, however, that our compilation of facts relating to maritime interests will help considerably to dispel some misconceptions which exist in Europe respecting the St. Lawrence navigation, our harbor, length of the shipping season, &c.; and if spared to prosecute our labors, we hope to be able to extend the investigations respecting the current year. We cannot close, however, without repeating here, that it behooves the Board of Trade, and the Directors of the Corn-Exchange Association, as representing the commercial interests of Montreal, to make arrangements for the future that will enable the Press to do justice to its Trade and Commerce.

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I.—The Produce Trade.

(From the Daily Witness, Jan. 9.)

There were anticipations in the summer of last year, particularly in the North-Western States, that the cereal crops would nearly equal those of 1861; but it was subsequently seen that the yield was about one-third less than an average one, while according to some estimates it was nearly as much as 50 per cent. less. It is now well enough known, that, though last season's grain crops in Canada were on the whole satisfactory, they did not come up to previous expectations. In the Fall, therefore, the arrivals of Grain and Flour in this city by the Grand Trunk Railway and Lachine Canal,—which had shown a handsome increase during May, June, and part of July,—began to diminish; and, during some weeks at the close of the season, the arrivals were less than in the year previous. Among the causes tending to produce this decline, the fact may be mentioned that in the British markets Wheat was about 10s. per quarter lower last Fall than in the preceding Spring. Our figures show, however, that on the whole there has been a gratifying enlargement of the season's receipts.

RECEIPTS OF FLOUR AND GRAIN BY LACHINE CANAL.

This Table shows the quantities of Flour, Wheat, Corn, &c., received in Montreal by the Lachine Canal, during each week, from the opening of Navigation in 1862, until its close:—

For Week ending	Flour. brls.	Wheat. bush.	Peas. bush.	Barley. bush.	Oats. bush.	Oat- meal. brls.	Corn. bush.	Rye. bush.	TOTAL, in bushels.
May 10..	39,744	200,518	6,360	400	....	....	31,566	....	437,564
" 17..	41,482	278,753	26,694	22,034	12,724	....	42,233	....	589,848
" 24..	42,677	217,125	53,745	12,218	15,540	....	15,090	11,448	538,551
" 31..	49,067	520,678	46,151	1,176	3,400	27	46,729	....	863,604
June 7..	42,396	424,944	20,064	42	856	....	33,333	....	691,219
" 14..	33,204	425,726	34,168	1,932	....	....	10,827	....	638,673
" 21..	32,581	255,423	19,393	....	400	....	57,403	144	495,668
" 28..	28,837	313,024	30,020	42	224	....	80,618	2,482	570,595
July 5..	29,451	202,901	15,374	1,050	....	....	65,021	....	431,601
" 12..	17,484	242,720	5,957	....	36	....	111,809	....	447,942
" 19..	30,971	343,328	12,375	378	224	....	136,391	....	647,551
" 26..	28,972	250,985	7,062	....	....	....	112,155	36	515,098
Aug. 2..	25,075	491,921	3,581	....	288	....	141,030	....	762,195
" 9..	24,944	368,532	9,842	42	....	....	160,047	....	663,183
" 16..	11,551	287,031	990	....	112	45	156,256	....	502,369
" 23..	20,996	194,234	1,073	124	....	....	66,386	17,925	384,722
" 30..	19,938	78,594	1,568	378	392	....	139,775	....	320,397
Sept. 6..	19,221	198,886	1,007	84	224	9	23,780	....	320,131
" 13..	13,945	276,241	1,996	368	502	117	64,503	28,286	442,200
" 20..	18,548	84,974	2,376	19,824	392	18	112,826	....	313,222
" 27..	16,050	298,308	3,261	21,490	224	15	232,093	10,584	646,240
Oct. 4..	22,109	396,201	15,270	24,050	1,120	9	124,674	2,214	674,119
" 11..	22,058	240,065	38,443	45,984	200	36	222,615	....	657,762
" 18..	27,356	525,783	36,180	24,714	1,540	27	140,987	180	866,288
" 25..	9,294	217,557	31,546	5,964	3,808	45	102,206	....	407,776
Nov. 1..	26,979	99,408	27,443	14,873	12,405	18	120,711	3,344	413,259
" 8..	17,068	194,613	24,604	14,405	6,754	27	77,445	....	403,296
" 15..	28,191	72,805	39,465	10,605	17,834	36	29,786	....	311,610
" 22..	19,505	46,089	3,663	2,377	5,573	....	....	....	160,726
" 29..	9,980	32,270	261	....	8,827	....	3,006	4,392	98,656
Dec. 6..	2,710	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	13,550
Total..	772,381	7,779,727	524,872	225,054	93,598	432	2,661,261	81,029	15,229,615

RECEIPTS OF FLOUR AND GRAIN BY GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

This Table shows the quantities of Flour, Wheat, &c., received in Montreal by the Grand Trunk Railway, during each week of 1862:—

For Week ending	Flour. brls.	Wheat. bush.	Peas. bush.	Barley. bush.	Oats. bush.	Oatmeal. brls.	Corn. bush.	Rye. bush.	TOTAL, in bushels.
Jan. 4..	8,468	16,009	....	....	12	....	....	....	58,361
" 11..	11,972	30,590	826	....	106	200	....	....	92,382
" 18..	10,232	21,841	....	....	....	150	....	....	73,751
" 25..	8,047	13,376	....	....	....	82	....	....	54,021
Feb. 1..	5,416	11,512	....	....	....	....	....	....	38,592
" 8..	5,222	11,239	....	....	....	306	....	....	38,849
" 15..	6,324	21,114	122	700	....	90	....	....	54,006
" 22..	4,014	7,877	....	....	126	13	48	....	28,186
March 1..	4,122	6,883	....	....	992	10	....	....	28,535
" 8..	1,537	1,050	....	....	....	....	....	....	8,735
" 15..	7,305	5,204	....	....	....	39	....	....	41,924
" 22..	5,711	9,297	350	30	....	....	....	....	38,232
" 29..	8,303	12,426	431	1,125	....	14	....	....	55,567
April 5..	8,001	21,233	....	670	164	7	....	....	62,107
" 12..	12,309	24,851	118	190	....	117	748	....	88,037
" 19..	4,233	12,505	....	190	350	6	350	....	34,590
" 26..	6,986	23,134	....	....	34	....	490	....	58,588
May 3..	6,331	20,730	....	590	50	230	....	....	54,175
" 10..	16,266	25,450	....	....	....	....	....	....	106,780
" 17..	11,146	20,627	409	476	....	406	....	....	79,272
" 24..	8,493	25,350	....	....	450	200	....	....	69,265
" 31..	7,377	14,749	536	....	750	....	....	....	52,920
June 7..	5,785	10,991	1,050	....	1,190	....	....	....	42,156
" 14..	3,775	6,300	....	....	1,380	....	....	....	26,555
" 21..	3,799	5,852	....	....	....	....	....	....	24,847
" 28..	4,706	1,945	155	....	....	100	....	....	26,130
July 5..	3,200	3,725	....	....	....	....	....	....	19,725
" 12..	2,860	10,500	....	....	....	....	....	....	24,800
" 19..	3,013	8,000	....	....	....	....	....	....	23,065
" 26..	5,176	9,061	....	....	....	....	....	....	34,941
Aug. 2..	6,625	7,215	....	....	....	....	....	....	40,340
" 9..	3,659	7,893	....	....	....	....	....	....	26,188
" 16..	3,761	7,354	....	....	....	....	....	....	26,159
" 23..	4,427	5,169	120	....	....	....	....	....	27,424
" 30..	2,495	3,954	....	....	....	....	....	....	16,429
Sept. 6..	2,838	6,508	....	....	....	....	....	....	20,698
" 13..	2,829	10,174	....	....	....	....	....	....	24,319
" 20..	4,658	15,823	....	350	....	....	....	....	39,463
" 27..	5,592	39,046	....	....	....	....	....	....	67,006
Oct. 4..	11,100	36,227	350	1,750	....	....	350	....	94,177
" 11..	12,985	32,979	....	350	....	....	....	....	98,254
" 18..	12,693	27,243	922	1,050	700	....	....	....	93,381
" 25..	9,850	25,701	300	550	350	....	....	....	75,160
Nov. 1..	11,602	27,215	....	350	....	....	....	....	85,575
" 8..	16,980	24,592	350	....	....	....	....	....	109,842
" 15..	14,004	19,289	1,058	855	....	....	....	....	91,222
" 22..	11,937	7,655	131	1,750	....	....	....	....	69,221
" 29..	13,462	3,221	....	200	3,740	....	....	....	74,471
Dec. 6..	13,294	5,250	....	350	....	....	....	....	72,070
" 13..	12,513	7,503	2,569	350	....	....	....	....	72,987
" 20..	9,308	7,003	....	....	2,450	....	....	....	55,993
" 27..	9,252	9,460	....	....	350	....	....	....	56,070
29, 30, 31..	6,428	4,550	....	....	....	....	....	....	36,690
Total..	402,221	754,445	9,807	11,876	13,194	1,964	350	1,636	2,812,233

As compared with 1861, the foregoing arrivals of Flour show an increase of 65,755 barrels; Wheat, a decrease of 433,263 bushels; Peas, a decrease of 46,134 bushels; Oatmeal, a decrease of 6,382 brls.; Ashes, an increase of 5,815 brls.; Butter, an increase of over 8,000 kegs, or equal to about 650,000 lbs.; and an increase in Pork, of over 10,000 brls.

COMPARATIVE VIEW OF PRODUCE RECEIPTS.

The Table following affords a Comparative View of the Total Receipts of Principal Articles of Produce received in Montreal by Canal and Grand Trunk Railway, during the years 1861 and 1862 :—

TOTAL, bushels.	ARTICLES.	ARRIVALS IN 1861.			ARRIVALS IN 1862.		
		By Lachine Canal.	By G. T. R.	Totals.	By Lachine Canal.	By G. T. R.	Totals.
58,361	Flour, barrels.....	758,873	336,486	1,095,359	772,381	402,221	1,174,602
92,382	Wheat, bushels.....	6,550,376	1,187,708	7,738,084	7,779,727	754,445	8,534,172
73,751	Peas, ".....	1,353,938	55,941	1,409,879	524,872	9,807	534,679
54,021	Barley, ".....	125,818	6,931	132,749	225,054	11,876	236,930
38,592	Oats, ".....	104,107	18,292	122,399	93,598	13,194	106,792
38,949	Oatmeal, barrels.....	12,488	8,646	21,134	432	1,984	2,396
54,006	Corn, bushels.....	1,565,477	....	1,565,477	2,661,261	350	2,661,611
28,186	Rye, ".....	24,710	102	24,812	81,029	1,636	82,665
28,535	Ashes, barrels.....	11,402	10,811	22,013	10,772	16,426	27,198
8,735	Butter, kegs.....	36,659	35,216	71,875	42,504	43,398	85,902
41,924	Pork, barrels.....	10,089	10,567	20,646	23,402	20,663	44,065
38,232	Lard, ".....	338	1,730	2,068	1,548	2,005	3,553
55,567	Beef, tcs. and brls.....	189	926	1,115	491	354	845
62,107	Tallow, brls.....	979	3,214	4,193	778	1,613	2,391
88,037	Lumber, feet.....	55,097,000		55,097,000	54,887,500		54,887,500
34,590							
58,588							
54,175							
106,780							
79,272							
69,265							
52,920							
42,156							
26,555							
24,847							
26,130							
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These tables show the weekly arrivals of Flour and Grain during the past year, by Canal and Railway. It appears that the receipts of Flour by the Lachine Canal were considerably greater than in 1861, and that there were about a million and a half bushels more of Wheat,—the increase in Corn also being over a million bushels; but there was a very large decrease in Peas, and the same remark applies to Oats and Oatmeal. The actual differences can easily be ascertained, by looking at the foregoing comparative table. The largest arrivals of Wheat for any one week during the season, was in the one ending October 18,—and of Flour in week ending May 31. The Canal totals for 1862, show an increase, as compared with '61, equal to 1,648,384 bushels. The arrivals of Flour by Grand Trunk Railway, indicate a goodly increase, but there is a large diminution in Wheat and Oatmeal; and the totals show a decrease during the past year equal to 182,301 bushels.

The entire arrivals of Grain (rendering Flour into Wheat) by Canal and Railway, during 1862, were equal to 18,041,839 bushels; for '61, the aggregate was 16,575,765 bushels,—showing an excess in favor of last year of 1,466,074 bushels. But there are some arrivals to be added from ports below, which are nearly equal to 200,000 bushels, as shown in the subjoined statement of receipts and shipments by river craft plying between Montreal, Three Rivers, &c. :—

ARTICLES.	SEASON OF 1861.		SEASON OF 1862.	
	Receipts.	Shipments.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels.....	....	292,189	....	242,363
Wheat, bushels.....	....	176,281	....	199,482
Peas, bushels.....	18,193	28,009	20,045	21,155
Barley, bushels.....	12,513	22,587	41,598	6,060
Oats, bushels.....	153,104	8,605	108,569	10,332
Oatmeal, barrels.....	4,312	2,220	5,148	3,407
Corn, bushels.....	....	4,488	....	30,785
Ashes, barrels.....	893	32	1,852	....
Butter, kegs.....	4,332	1,871	5,760	1,911
Pork, barrels.....	48	7,059	....	12,732
Lard, barrels.....	....	76	....	....
Beef, tcs. and brls.....	12	897	....	620
Tallow, barrels.....	....	115	....	....

There are also indirect sources whence very large quantities of Grain and Flour are received at warehouses in this city, of which no record has been kept; and in 1861 it was estimated that the

755 barrels;
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arrivals in that way would probably amount to 7,000,000 bush. If a similar estimate may be made for last year, the aggregate receipts would foot up to about 25½ million (say, 25,237,791) bushels, rendering Flour into Wheat,—or nearly two million bushels more than in 1861. The gross arrivals of Flour and Grain in Montreal during '61, showed an increase over '60 of about 100 per cent. There is some dubiety about the figures for '59; but a statement before us shows the totals for '58 to have been equal to 5,215,194 bushels; for '57, 4,392,453 bushels; and for '56, 4,509,243 bushels.

It deserves to be particularly noticed here that the augmented arrivals from the West have been provided for at Kingston, by additional facilities to receive and forward Grain; so that at no time throughout last season has there, at that point, been any serious detention either of vessels or Produce. The arrangements in the harbor of Montreal for loading grain-vessels consist of seven steam Elevators, their united capacity being 19,000 bushels per hour. Five of them are the property of the Montreal Steam Elevator Company. It may be incidentally remarked here, that two new Elevators are being built at the Caledonian Foundry in this city for parties in Quebec, each capable of moving 3000 bushels per hour. These will be the first Elevators brought into operation in that city.

The quantity of Flour and Grain remaining in store in Montreal, on 1st December last, was:—Flour, 70,718 brls.; Wheat, 170,839 bushels; Peas, 12,759 bushels; Corn, 88,246 bushels. The Storage capacity of the city is stated elsewhere.

There has been a remarkable increase in the arrival of Ashes and Pork during 1862, compared with 1861, as shown in a preceding table. It was recently calculated that there were nearly 17,000 barrels of Pork in store here; since which the imports have about balanced the shipments. The estimate may, therefore, still be considered good,—including about 3,000 barrels held by the Commissariat Department.

EXPORTS OF FLOUR AND GRAIN *VIA* THE RIVER ST. LAWRENCE.

This Table shows the quantities of Flour, Wheat, Corn, &c., shipped from the Port of Montreal, in Sea-going Vessels, during each week, from the opening of Navigation in 1862, until its close:—

For Week ending	Flour. brls.	Wheat. bush.	Peas. bush.	Barley bush.	Oats. bush.	Oat-meal. brls.	Corn. bush.	Rye. bush.	TOTAL, in bushels.
May 10..	12,128	47,610	1,438	30	....	423	....	....	111,233
" 17..	15,077	122,395	150	....	....	30	9,000	....	207,080
" 24..	30,313	205,867	20,414	....	....	193	....	....	378,811
" 31..	37,844	224,368	74,199	....	....	606	25,413	....	574,200
June 7..	32,325	228,303	40,274	....	....	599	83,117	....	516,314
" 14..	33,711	419,689	12,327	....	....	52	7,964	....	608,795
" 21..	39,752	317,512	61,024	....	....	80	....	....	577,696
" 28..	8,340	166,565	28,187	....	....	....	40,616	....	277,068
July 5..	13,584	236,741	47,334	....	....	....	62,323	....	414,318
" 12..	16,365	158,959	41,315	....	....	500	93,338	....	377,937
" 19..	13,474	295,407	42,119	....	....	20	65,465	....	470,461
" 26..	10,437	146,190	1,500	....	....	....	70,682	....	270,567
Aug. 2..	22,759	270,411	20,606	....	....	45	59,949	....	455,986
" 9..	25,127	256,301	11,535	....	....	50	91,379	....	485,100
" 16..	14,731	179,417	266	....	....	....	50,948	....	304,286
" 23..	13,468	222,329	7,819	....	....	15	800	....	298,363
" 30..	13,999	107,292	27,030	....	....	10	82,671	....	287,038
Sept. 6..	22,065	168,808	....	....	....	....	10,297	....	289,430
" 13..	15,784	205,126	2,040	....	....	200	18,367	....	305,463
" 20..	22,066	271,932	703	75	....	....	59,477	....	443,517
" 27..	20,672	289,363	615	6	....	200	78,247	....	472,591
Oct. 4..	29,815	448,861	....	....	12	....	176,958	....	774,906
" 11..	9,492	176,145	210	262	....	20	74,646	....	298,223
" 18..	16,615	341,827	31,096	....	....	500	115,696	....	574,194
" 25..	24,045	320,826	29,488	....	....	....	82,260	....	552,799
Nov. 1..	26,211	230,839	50,192	....	....	50	272,152	....	684,488
" 8..	24,653	206,243	67,138	....	....	....	75,797	206	462,643
" 15..	20,378	100,468	75,135	....	....	275	75,784	....	354,652
" 22..	8,094	70,321	26,216	....	....	....	....	....	137,007
" 29..	4,153	7,281	822	....	8,060	178	800	....	38,618
Total..	597,477	6,500,796	711,192	373	8,072	4,040	1,774,546	200	12,002,764

COMPARATIVE VIEW OF SHIPMENTS FOR THE SEASONS OF 1861 AND 1862.

The subjoined Table gives a Comparative View of the Total Shipments of Principal Articles of Produce, via the River St. Lawrence and Lachine Canal, during the Seasons of 1861 and 1862:—

ARTICLES.	SHIPMENTS IN 1861.			SHIPMENTS IN 1862.		
	By Riv'r St. Lawrence.	By Lachine Canal.	Totals.	By Riv'r St. Lawrence.	By Lachine Canal.	Totals.
Flour, barrels.....	605,942	10,341	616,283	597,477	28,593	626,070
Wheat, bushels.....	5,584,727	17,041	5,601,771	6,500,776	37,257	6,538,033
Peas, ".....	1,529,136	2,029	1,531,165	711,192	1,626	712,818
Barley, ".....	2,472	105	2,577	373	84	457
Oats, ".....	276,375	2,800	279,175	8,072	16,715	24,788
Oatmeal, barrels.....	25,158	....	25,158	4,040	963	5,003
Corn, bushels.....	1,477,114	....	1,477,114	1,774,547	....	1,774,546
Ashes, barrels.....	22,147	244	22,391	23,135	700	23,835
Butter, kegs.....	49,546	176	49,722	59,804	....	59,804
Pork, barrels.....	626	2,677	3,303	3,225	4,581	7,806
Lard, ".....	178	....	178	455	17	472
Beef, trols. and brls.....	1,618	....	1,618	222	....	222
Tallow, brls.	112	28	140	154	35	189

EXPORTS OF PRODUCE VIA PORTLAND, BOSTON, &c.

The quantities of Produce shipped, via Portland and Boston, in the Montreal Ocean Steamship Company's vessels, and in sailing vessels of Free, Boyd & Co.—also in ships of Page, Richardson & Co.'s "Merchant Line,"—from 1st Jan., 1862, until the opening of navigation; and from the close of navigation until 31st December last, are given in the following table:

EXPORTS FROM PORTLAND AND BOSTON.			ENTERED OUTWARDS AT THE PORT OF ST. JOHNS.		
ARTICLES.	From Portland.	From Boston.	ARTICLES.	Quantities in 1861.	Quantities in 1862.
Flour, barrels.....	50,662	15,461	Flour, barrels.....	613	26
Grain, bushels.....	350,854	127,741	Wheat, bushels.....	....	3,297
Ashes, barrels.....	7,046	64	Peas, bushels.....	17,025	9,488
Butter, kegs.....	9,555	100	Barley, bushels.....	239,829	652,144
Pork, barrels.....	1,273	....	Oats, bushels.....	763,710	971,567
Lard, ".....	3,633	....	Oat and Corn Meal, brls.	1,002	....
Beef, tierces.....	1,154	....	Ashes, barrels.....	200	150
			Butter, lbs.....	20	....
			Lumber, feet.....	24,78,662	42,612,012

The shipments of Flour and Grain last year, in sea-going vessels, via the St. Lawrence, are shown in the preceding tables to have been equal to 12,406,027 bushels,—the figures for '61 being 12,099,007 bushels, or a difference of 107,020 bushels in favor of '62. But, adding the exports in what may be called the local river trade, (the shipments in '61 being equal to 1,712,015 bushels; in '62, 1,496,664 bushels,) the totals would be,—for '61, 13,811,022 bushels; for '62, 13,702,691 bushels; or a decrease last year equal to 108,331 bushels. The exports from Portland and Boston foot up to 809,210 bushels; the entries outwards at St. Johns, C.E., are equal to 1,636,626 bushels; and the shipments of breadstuffs by Montreal and Champlain Railway, as reported from Rouse's Point, amount to 614,099 bushels. The following recapitulation shows the entire exports on Montreal account in 1862:—

Shipments via St. Lawrence in sea-going vessels	-	-	12,406,027 bushels.
" " " " to River ports	-	-	1,496,664 "
" " via Portland and Boston	-	-	809,210 "
" " via Champlain Canal	-	-	1,636,626 "
" " via Montreal and Champlain Railway	-	-	614,099 "

Total export of Breadstuffs - - 16,762,626 bushels.

PRICES OF FLOUR, WHEAT, AND CORN, IN 1862.

The following Table shows the range of Prices in the Montreal Market for No. 1 Superfine Flour, Upper Canada Spring and Fall Wheat, and Indian Corn, on Friday of each week during the past year:—

DATE OF QUOTATION.	No. 1 Superfine Flour.	Upper Canada Spring Wheat.	Upper Canada Fall Wheat.	Indian Corn.
	Per Barrel.	Per Bushel.	Per Bushel.	Per Bushel.
Friday, Jan. 3.....	\$5.05 @ \$5.10	\$1.06	.....	.....
" " 10.....	4.95 - 5.00	1.05	.....	.....
" " 17.....	4.75 - 4.80	1.00 @ \$1.01	.....	.....
" " 24.....	4.75 - 4.80	1.02 - 1.03	.....	.....
" " 31.....	4.75 - 4.80	1.02 - 1.03	.....	.....
Friday, Feb. 7.....	5.00 - 5.05	1.05 - 1.06	.....	.....
" " 14.....	5.00 - 5.05	1.05 - 1.06	.....	.....
" " 21.....	5.00 - 5.05	1.06 - 1.07	.....	.....
" " 28.....	5.00 - 5.05	1.07	.....	.....
Friday, March 7.....	5.05 - 5.10	1.07 - 1.08	.....	.....
" " 14.....	4.95 - 5.00	1.05	.....	.....
" " 21.....	4.90 - 4.95	1.04	.....	.....
" " 28.....	4.85 - 4.90	1.02 - 1.03	.....	.....
Friday, April 4.....	4.85 - 4.90	1.01 - 1.02	.....	.....
" " 11.....	4.65 - 4.70	1.00	.....	.....
" " 18.....	4.45 - 4.55	1.00	.....	.....
" " 25.....	4.65 - 4.70	.....	.....	.....
Friday, May 2.....	5.00 - 5.05	1.00 - 1.03	.....	.....
" " 9.....	4.75 - 4.80	1.00 - 1.03	.....	.....
" " 16.....	4.50 - 4.60	1.00 - 1.03	\$1.17½	.....
" " 23.....	4.45 - 4.55	0.96 - 0.98	.....	.....
" " 30.....	4.20 - 4.25	0.94 - 0.96	.....	.....
Friday, Jun. 6.....	4.25 - 4.40	0.90 - 0.97½	1.05 @ 1.10	46 cts.
" " 13.....	4.50 - 4.55	0.92 - 0.96	1.07½ - 1.12½	46 @ 48
" " 20.....	4.50 - 4.60	0.92 - 0.9½	1.05 - 1.12½	46½ - 47
" " 27.....	4.50 - 4.55	0.94 - 1.00	1.05 - 1.12	48 - 49
Friday, July 4.....	4.55 - 4.60	0.94 - 0.98	.....	48 - 49
" " 11.....	4.55 - 4.65	1.04 - 1.05	1.05 - 1.15	48 - 49
" " 18.....	4.50 - 4.60	1.00 - 1.02	1.05 - 1.15	46 - 48
" " 25.....	4.45 - 4.65	0.99 - 1.03	1.05 - 1.12½	45 - 46
Friday, Aug. 1.....	4.45 - 4.60	0.97½ - 1.00	1.05 - 1.12½	45
" " 8.....	4.45 - 4.55	0.99 - 1.00	.....	45 - 46
" " 15.....	4.65 - 4.75	0.99 - 1.00	.....	44 - 45
" " 22.....	4.70 - 4.80	1.00 - 1.03	1.07½ - 1.12½	45 - 46
" " 29.....	4.60 - 4.70	0.98 - 1.00	.....	45 - 46
Friday, Sept. 5.....	4.65 - 4.70	0.98 - 1.00	.....	46 - 47
" " 12.....	4.80 - 4.85	1.00 - 1.01	1.02 - 1.17	48 - 49
" " 19.....	4.80 - 4.90	1.00	.....	48 - 49
" " 26.....	4.75 - 4.80	0.96 - 0.99	1.07	47 - 48
Friday, Oct. 3.....	4.55 - 4.60	0.92 - 0.93	1.05 - 1.10	45 - 46
" " 10.....	4.10 - 4.20	0.92 - 0.93	1.02	.....
" " 17.....	4.45 - 4.50	0.91 - 0.92	1.00 - 1.04	42 - 43
" " 24.....	4.60 - 4.70	0.91 - 0.94	1.00 - 1.05	44 - 45
" " 31.....	4.45 - 4.50	0.93 - 0.97	1.02 - 1.06	44 - 45
Friday, Nov. 7.....	4.40 - 4.45	0.92 - 0.93	.....	44 - 45
" " 14.....	4.35 - 4.40	0.92 - 0.93	1.00 - 1.06	.....
" " 21.....	4.52½ - 4.67½	0.92 - 0.96	1.02 - 1.04	44 - 45
" " 28.....	4.40 - 4.45	0.92 - 0.96	1.02 - 1.04	44 - 45
Friday, Dec. 5.....	4.25 - 4.35	0.92 - 0.94	1.02 - 1.04	47 - 49
" " 12.....	4.35 - 4.45	0.92 - 0.94	1.02 - 1.04	47 - 49
" " 19.....	4.50	0.92 - 0.94	1.02 - 1.04	47 - 49
" " 26.....	4.45 - 4.50	0.92 - 0.94	1.02 - 1.04	47 - 49

As affording some data for comparison with the prices noted in the foregoing table, it may be mentioned that No. 1 Superfine Flour opened on 1st May, 1861, at \$5.10 to \$5.20; and declined until towards the end of June, when transactions took place at \$3.85 to \$3.90. The price advanced in July to about \$4.75,—going down again early in August to \$4.25; but it soon

rallied, and in September advanced from \$4.50 to \$5.40,—ranging from \$5.35 to \$5.65, until the close of navigation. After that, prices receded, and the year closed with Super. at \$5.15 to \$5.20. During the first four or five months of '62, there was little or nothing doing in U. C. Fall Wheat and Indian Corn,—quotations would, therefore, be nominal.

STANDARD WEIGHTS. PER BUSHEL, OF GRAIN, &c.

The weights per bushel according to which Grain, Seeds, &c., should be bought and sold in Canada,—unless otherwise stipulated,—are fixed by statute as follows:—

Wheat	60 lbs.	Onions	60 lbs.	Castor Beans	40 lbs.
Peas	60 "	Indian Corn	56 "	Malt	36 "
Beans	60 "	Rye	56 "	Oats	34 "
Clover Seed	60 "	Salt	56 "	Dried Peaches	33 "
Potatoes	60 "	Flax Seed	50 "	Dried Apples	22 "
Turnips	60 "	Barley	48 "	Blue Grass Seed	14 "
Carrots	60 "	Timothy Seed	48 "	A ton	2,000 "
Parasnips	60 "	Buckwheat	48 "	A hundred l.	100 "
Beets	60 "	Hemp Seed	44 "		

INSPECTIONS OF FLOUR, GRAIN, ASHES, PORK, &c., IN 1862.

The following is a Comparative Statement of the Flour inspected in Montreal during the years 1861 and 1862:—

Grade.	Brls. in 1861.	Brls. in 1862.
Superior Extra, -	5,869	10,517
Extra Superfine, -	22,941	41,506
Fancy, -	12,074	38,921
Superfine, No. 1, -	505,139	439,338
Do. No. 2, -	42,731	36,106
Fine, -	12,155	10,461
Middlings, -	7,818	7,053
Pollards, -	2,647	2,609
Sour, -	25,215	20,298
Rejected, -	14,601	19,511
Rye, -	647	371
Totals, -	651,837	626,691

WHEAT.

From the Western States.

	Bushels
Chicago Red Winter, No. 1 -	17,300
Chicago Spring, No. 1 -	423,933
" " No. 2 -	6,600
Milwaukee Spring, No. 1 -	599,818
" " No. 2 -	45,842
Amber Iowa -	8,557
Michigan White Winter, No. 1 -	12,200
" " No. 2 -	19,300
Michigan Red Winter, No. 1 -	329,194
" " No. 2 -	11,000
Ohio Red Winter, No. 1 -	21,456
" " No. 2 -	7,110

Canadian.

White Winter, No. 1 -	30,090
" " No. 2 -	39,150
Extra Spring Wheat -	9,000
Spring, No. 1 Bright -	49,842
" No. 1 -	82,313
" No. 2 -	20,256
Rejected Wheat of all kinds -	205,655

CORN.

Mixed Western, No. 1 -	252,437
Rejected -	264,827
Total -	2,455,880

ASHES.

	1862.	1861.
Pots in Store on Jan. 1	346	2,253
Pearls " "	259	1,126
Receipts of Pots, from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, inclusive	28,325	22,855
Receipts of Pearls, " "	10,408	8,030
	<u>39,338</u>	<u>34,267</u>
Deliveries of Pots, from Jan 1 to Dec. 31, inclusive	28,337	22,161
Deliveries of Pearls " "	10,415	7,608
	<u>38,752</u>	<u>29,769</u>

According to the foregoing figures, re-arranged from the Inspectors' annual official Statement, it appears that the receipts of Ashes during 1862 exceeded those of 1861 by 7,848 barrels; while the deliveries last year show an increase of 8,983 brls. over '61. The quantities in Store on Jan. 1, '63, were:—Pots, 334 brls.; Pearls, 259 brls.; Total, 593 brls.

PORK, BEEF, BUTTER.

Returns from Mr. Eager, and Messrs. Rees & Co., show the following business during 1862:

Pork, barrels (inspected) -	44,057
Beef, barrels (packed in Fall) -	2,726
Beef, tierces do. do. -	1,427
Butter, kegs (weighed) -	4,600
Butter, kegs (inspected) -	500

LEATHER.

The Inspector of Leather in this city has supplied weekly reports of his inspections during 1862, summary of which is given in the following totals:—

Sides, No. 1 -	75,343
Sides, No. 2 -	23,942
Sides, No. 3 -	2,981

Total for 1862, - 102,266

STORAGE FOR FLOUR AND GRAIN.

The Storage capacity in Montreal, for Flour and Grain, is as follows:—

	Wheat. bush.	Flour. brls.		Wheat. bush.	Flour. brls.
Ira Gould & Sons, . . .	250,000	20,000	Gillespie & Co., . . .	....	12,000
Grant, Hall & Co., . . .	200,000	15,000	T. & D. Brown, . . .	....	30,000
J. McDougall, . . .	150,000	8,000	W. W. McClellan, . . .	....	10,000
Jas. Holiday & Brother, . . .	150,000	120,000	William McGibbon, . . .	....	9,000
McDonald & Co., . . .	30,000	20,000	Black & Perry, . . .	....	4,000
Jas. Harvey, . . .	80,000	3,000	J. McDougall, . . .	....	4,000
J. F. McCuaig, . . .	40,000	20,000	Glassford & Co., . . .	....	2,000
Henry Robertson, . . .	8,000	1,600	Other Stores, . . .	....	20,000
Jaques, Tracy & Co., . . .	....	25,000	Canal Sheds, . . .	....	27,000
D. Murray & Co., . . .	....	14,000	Floating Storage, . . .	100,000	....
A. & D. Ferguson, . . .	....	10,000			
T. M. Bryson, . . .	....	17,000			
			Totals, . . .	1,008,000	391,600

This is a tolerably accurate statement of the available Grain and Flour Storage in Montreal. It should be stated, however, that the principal Commission Merchants of this city have storage connected with their own business, amounting in the aggregate probably to over 100,000 bushels of Grain, and more than 51,000 barrels of Flour. There will also, we understand, be accommodation at Cote St. Paul, by the 1st of next May, for 100,000 bushels of Wheat and 3,000 brls. of Flour. The great increase in the Produce Trade within the past two or three years has rendered additional capacity an imperative necessity. A good deal has been said on the subject; it is sincerely hoped that something will be done. As to rival enterprises, there will be room enough for all, if the grain trade continues to augment in the ratio of 1861 and '63; we take this occasion, however, to say, that Produce Merchants in Britain have called attention to the fact, that the system of storing Wheat and Corn in large quantities in bins is very injurious. One firm of considerable standing assures us that thousands of dollars per annum would be saved to Canada, if the British system of grain storage were adopted,—viz. to place the Wheat or Corn from three to four feet deep on floors, where, especially in case of winter-storage, it could be turned over with shovels, perhaps once a week,—thus greatly lessening the danger of heating, and often preventing heavy loss. It is believed that the expense might, during the winter season, be 8c. to 10c. per bushel, but that the saving would average 25c. per bushel,—or a clear gain of 15c. to 17c.

II.—The Shipping Interests.

(From the Daily Witness, Jan. 23.)

We deem it proper to state that arrangements were nearly complete to issue this section of our Annual Statement on Friday last, in time for the British mail. After our tables of Arrivals and Departures, however, had been made up from the books of the Trinity House—the source, as was supposed, of the fullest information on the subject of our port interests—it was discovered that there were some discrepancies in the results compared with figures in the Custom-House, and especially as contrasted with copious and clear statements found in the Harbor-Master's Office. On deliberation it was concluded that there was but one course to pursue, viz., delay publication, undo the labor of several days, and make use of the information kindly placed at our disposal by Capt. Rudolf. The following are the conclusions arrived at in the different offices concerning the arrivals and departures of sea-going vessels in 1862:—

TRINITY HOUSE.			CUSTOM HOUSE.			HARBOR-MASTER'S OFFICE.		
	Vessels.	Tonnage.		Vessels.	Tonnage.		Vessels.	Tonnage.
Arrivals . . .	493	246,145	Arrivals . . .	525	242,443	Arrivals . . .	571	265,243
Departures . . .	523	260,103	Departures . . .	517	242,442	Departures . . .	571	265,243

The figures in the two following tables have been adopted in the conviction that they are the most accurate. Among the great interests of Montreal, the shipping business is vital to her commercial prosperity, and its details ought to be matter of careful and comprehensive record; but, in behalf of the Press, which has ever been the willing chronicler of our city's progress, we claim that Editors should not be compelled to toil through the difficult and ungracious drudgery of disentangling or reconciling what ought to be harmonious statements. The merchants, or their representatives the Board of Trade, should make an effort without delay to place the commercial statistics of Montreal beyond ordinary risk of disagreement.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPPING AT MONTREAL IN 1862.

The following Statement indicates the Ports from whence the shipping arrived at Montreal last year, showing the number of Vessels, and amount of Tonnage,—in some instances compared with 1861:—

FROM	In 1862.		FROM	In 1861.		FROM	In 1862.		FROM	In 1861.	
	No. of Vessels	Tonnage		No. of Vessels	Tonnage		No. of Vessels	Tonnage		No. of Vessels	Tonnage
Liverpool.....	105	91,820	125	102,487	Malaga.....	2	564	..	..	..	..
Glasgow.....	67	48,281	55	36,201	Santander.....	1	360	..	..	..	..
London.....	46	24,383	29	12,214	Lisbon.....	3	721	..	..	..	..
Greenock.....	15	7,235	..	..	Oporto.....	3	610	1	191	..	..
Sunderland.....	22	7,769	13	4,458	Bergen.....	6	2,475	..	..	..	..
Bristol.....	4	2,574	9	4,901	Tonsberg.....	1	507	..	..	..	..
Dundee.....	8	2,228	..	..	Christiana.....	3	1,119	1	350	..	..
Adrossan.....	5	1,713	3	4,781	Drummen.....	1	404	..	..	..	..
Newcastle.....	7	2,091	6	1,723	Arendal.....	1	364	..	..	..	..
Gloucester.....	4	1,359	8	3,070	Mandal.....	1	248	..	..	..	..
Limerick.....	4	1,328	..	..	Hamburg.....	4	1,249	1	739	..	..
Maryport.....	4	1,219	5	1,210	Bremen.....	2	844	..	..	..	..
Newry.....	3	1,388	..	..	Shanghai.....	3	1,378	..	..	..	..
Belfast.....	3	1,183	3	1,209	Canton.....	1	304	..	..	..	..
Newport.....	1	895	..	..	Matanzas.....	1	148	..	..	..	..
Hartlepool.....	3	867	3	1,080	Havana.....	1	135	..	..	..	..
Cork.....	2	725	..	..	Bermuda.....	2	748	..	..	..	..
Cardiff.....	2	680	..	..	Barbadoes.....	1	155	..	..	..	..
Leith.....	2	605	3	1,092	Cienfuegos.....	2	505	..	..	..	..
Shields.....	2	577	7	2,325	Porto Grande.....	1	641	..	..	..	..
Hull.....	2	522	2	620	Rio de Janeiro.....	1	203	1	109	..	..
Falmouth.....	1	423	1	460	St. Nazaire.....	1	799	..	..	..	..
Granton.....	1	367	..	..	Boston.....	3	2,520	6	5,384	..	..
Llannelly.....	1	365	..	..	New York.....	2	1,390	6	2,173	..	..
Southampton.....	1	348	..	..	Sea and Quebec.....	28	16,238	..	..	..	..
Montrose.....	1	328	..	..	Halifax.....	24	5,471	..	..	..	..
Westport.....	1	289	..	..	St. John's, N.F.....	15	2,178	..	..	..	..
Troon.....	1	277	..	..	Pictou.....	2	945	..	..	..	..
Plymouth.....	1	205	3	1,141	Bathurst, N.F.....	1	300	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen.....	1	174	..	..	Prince Ed. Island.....	2	348	..	..	..	..
Exeter.....	1	130	..	..	Yarmouth, N.S.....	1	230	..	..	..	..
Havre.....	4	2,243	2	1,133	Sea & Lower Ports.....	68	5,365	..	..	..	..
Bordeaux.....	4	1,241	5	1,246	Canal.....	27	3,828	..	..	..	..
Marseilles.....	2	723	2	623	Sarnia.....	4	991	..	..	..	..
Palmbouf.....	1	227	..	..	Detroit.....	1	398	..	..	..	..
Charente.....	1	204	2	469	Buffalo.....	1	149	..	..	..	..
Antwerp.....	5	2,711	7	3,370	Winter Quarters.....	8	595	..	..	..	..
Cadix.....	3	1,476	1	858							
Carthagena.....	1	781	1	902							
					Totals.....	571	265,243				

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DEPARTURES OF VESSELS FROM MONTREAL IN 1862.

The following is a Statement of the Departures of Vessels with Produce, from the Port of Montreal, during the season of Navigation in 1862, showing the numbers of Vessels to various ports, and amount of tonnage,—in some instances compared with 1861:—

For	In 1862.		In 1861.		For	In 1862.		In 1861.	
	No. of Vess'ls	Tonnage	No. of Vess'ls	Tonnage		No. of Vess'ls	Tonnage	No. of Vess'ls	Tonnage
Liverpool.....	135	115,256	146	126,327	South Alloa	1	252	..	....
Glasgow	94	57,704	68	45,883	Montrose	1	238	..	....
London	52	27,522	57	27,551	Perth	1	126	..	....
Cork, for orders..	79	23,469	40	14,732	Bremerhaven	1	400	..	....
Gloucester.....	16	6,228	20	7,686	Bergen (Norway)...	1	190	..	....
Bristol	13	6,031	20	8,532	Australia	1	241	..	....
Dundee	10	2,632	5	1,275	Demerara	1	120	..	....
Aberdeen	9	2,396	..	..	New York.....	2	547	..	....
King's Road, f. or.	4	1,427	1	431	Boston.....	1	121	..	....
Belfast	3	1,342	2	963	Quebec and sea ..	10	3,058	3	1,579
Waterford	2	874	..	..	St. John's, N.F....	22	2,181	..	....
Kirkcaldy.....	2	734	..	..	Halifax	22	2,104	..	....
Leith	2	633	..	..	Other Lower Ports.	39	2,373	..	....
Ipswich.....	1	346	..	..	Canal	31	4,514	..	....
Southampton	1	299	1	289	Cleveland	1	287	..	....
Truro	1	293	..	..	Winter Quarters ..	8	513	..	..
Exeter	2	280	4	876					
Newry	1	260	1	291					
Newcastle	1	252	..	..	Totals....	571	265,243		

The quantities of Flour, Grain, and other Produce, carried away from Montreal in the vessels above-mentioned, are shown in the Table on page 8. It is worthy of remark here, that 17 of the departures during the shipping season of 1862 consisted of vessels loaded with Petroleum, most of them having taken their cargoes here,—some clearing at Port Sarnia in Western Canada. The capacity thus employed was 5,076 tons; and if the craft were full, which was probably the case, the export of this new Canadian product during 1862, would amount to 35,532 brls., or 1,279,152 gallons. The ports of destination were:—Cork, "for orders," 6 cargoes; Liverpool, 3; London, 3; Glasgow, 1; Dundee, 1; Bremerhaven, 1; Demerara, 1; Australia, 1. These figures show the amount of business done, during what may be termed the first year of our Petroleum export trade. A great increase is anticipated, even though the "flowing wells" should cease. The "pumping wells," it is supposed, will supply a greatly enlarged demand. So far as we have heard, the export to Europe from this Province is expected to be much increased in the present year; and, of course, there will be more demand for tonnage to transport the article. Arrangements are said to be in progress at New York for carrying it across the Atlantic in bulk.

It may be interesting to state here that the export of Petroleum from the United States in 1862 amounted to 10,514,441 gallons; in 1861, 1,800,000 gallons. The shipments were to the following places:—Liverpool, London, Glasgow, Dublin, Cork, &c., Havre, Marseilles, Bordeaux, Cote, Dieppe, Antwerp, Bremen, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Stockholm, Gibraltar, Palermo, Genoa and Leghorn, China and East Indies, Africa, Canary Islands, Madeira, Australia, Otago, N.Z., Sydney, N. S.W., Brazil, Mexico, Cuba, Argentine Republic, Cisplatine Republic, Chili, Peru, British Guiana, British West Indies, British N. Am. Colonies, Danish West Indies, Dutch West Indies, French West Indies, Central America, Hayti, Venezuela, New-Grenada, Porto-Rico, Cape of Good Hope, Buenos Ayres, Sandwich Islands.

CLASSIFICATION OF SEA-GOING VESSELS.

	1861.	1862.
Steamers,	40	53
Ships,	138	124
Barques,	160	161
Brigs,	58	79
Brigantines,	47	48
Schooners,	131	106
	574	571

FOREIGN VESSELS.

Norwegian Vessels, in 1862,-	-	-	20
German " " " "	-	-	10
United States " " " "	-	-	5
Russian " " " "	-	-	2
Portuguese " " " "	-	-	2
Danish " " " "	-	-	1

NUMBER OF VOYAGES BY VESSELS IN 1862.

	Liverpool.	Voyages.
Steamship North American,		4
" Nova Scotian,		4
" Jura,		4
" Anglo-Saxon,		4
" Hibernian,		4
" Bohemian,		4
" Norwegian,		2
" Damascus,		2
" Pactolus,		2
" Copernicus,		1
	Glasgow.	
Steamship St. Andrew, - - - - .		4
" St. George, - - - - .		4
" John Bell, - - - - .		3
" United Kingdom, - - - - .		4
" Caledonia, - - - - .		4
	London.	
Steamship Mavrocordatos, - - - - .		1
Ship Shandon, - - - - .		3
" Iona, - - - - .		3
" Toronto, - - - - .		3
Barque Harlequin, - - - - .		3

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF VESSELS AND TONNAGE.

The following table gives a comparative view of the number of Steam and Sailing Sea-going Vessels, with total Tonnage, arriving in the Port of Montreal during the past nine years:—

YEAR.	Arrivals of Ocean Steamers.	Tonnage	Arrivals of Sailing Vessels.	Tonnage	Vessels from Lower ports.	Tonnage.	Total Sea-going Vessels.	Gross Tonnage	Greatest number of Sea-going Vessels in port at one time.
1854.....	6	5,545	174	58,416	78	6,949	258	70,910	21 on 16th Oct.
1855.....	6	5,545	90	38,433	107	9,721	197	48,154	30 " 14th June.
1856.....	16	14,276	117	47,497	114	9,548	247	71,321	26 " 9th June.
1857.....	9	7,541	123	51,795	95	8,404	227	67,740	26 " 13th June.
1858.....	16	17,887	127	53,553	82	7,369	225	78,809	22 " 5th June.
1859.....	35	43,704	118	43,705	77	7,251	230	94,680	23 " 3rd June.
1860.....	37	45,387	149	69,742	73	6,470	259	121,559	35 " 7th Oct.
1861.....	40	51,298	433	202,601	101	7,894	574	261,793	117 " 6th June.
1862.....	53	62,912	430	195,348	88	6,983	571	265,243	78 " 16th Oct.

We ascertain that the sea-going vessels which arrived in the port of Montreal in 1852 numbered 182. The increase of shipping in subsequent years, is attributable to the deepening of Lake St. Peter, so as to admit of the passing up of vessels of greater draught of water. That important improvement was commenced on 12th of June, 1851, and the channel has been deepened from 11 feet at that date, to over 20 feet now at low water. On 8th November, 1851, the ship "City of Manchester" was loaded down to 14 feet; on 24th August, 1853, the ship "California" was loaded down to 16 feet 2 inches. In 1862, the ship "Liverpool Packet," 893 tons, passed out of the harbor on May 29, drawing 22 feet water; the "Esmeralda," 1183 tons, June 1, drawing 22 feet; the "Louisa," 780 tons, Oct. 2, drawing 19 feet; the "Ardmillan," 987 tons, Oct. 24, drawing 19 feet; and the "Clydesdale," 1355 tons, Nov. 16, drawing 19 feet 4 inches.

The following Statement shows the length of time during which the Harbor of Montreal was open in each of the past fifteen years :—

		Opened.	Closed.			Opened.	Closed.
In 1848 . . .	April 18 . . .	Dec. 22	In 1856 . . .	April 24 . . .	Dec. 3		
" 1849 . . .	April 17 . . .	Dec. 9	" 1857 . . .	April 18 . . .	Dec. 13		
" 1850 . . .	April 16 . . .	Dec. 11	" 1858 . . .	April 9 . . .	Dec. 12		
" 1851 . . .	April 13 . . .	Dec. 6	" 1859 . . .	April 4 . . .	Dec. 11		
" 1852 . . .	April 28 . . .	Dec. 21	" 1860 . . .	April 10 . . .	Dec. 7		
" 1853 . . .	April 18 . . .	Dec. 18	" 1861 . . .	April 24 . . .	Dec. 23		
" 1854 . . .	April 25 . . .	Dec. 6	" 1862 . . .	April 23 . . .	Dec. 7		
" 1855 . . .	April 28 . . .	Dec. 12					

It thus appears that the harbor was open 249 days in 1848; 238 days in '49; 240 in '50; 238 in '51; 238 in '52; 245 in '53; 226 in '54; 229 in '55; 224 in '56; 240 in '57; 248 in '58; 252 in '59; 243 in '60; 243 in '61; and 229 in '62. The longest time was in '59; and the average of the 15 years is about 239 days, or very nearly eight months.

The first arrival in this harbor from sea, in 1861, was on April 27; and the last departure seaward was on Dec. 4. The first arrival from sea last year was the "Shandon," on April 28; and the last sea-going departure was on Nov. 27.

It has been remarked to us that more vessels are expected here this year from Europe than ever before. Possibly the depredations of Confederate cruisers on Northern commerce, may cause more Produce from the Western States to seek an outlet by the St. Lawrence in neutral bottoms; and the tax of 10c. per ton on foreign vessels going into Federal ports, (excepting craft in the coasting trade, and vessels of the B. N. A. Colonies,) may tend in some degree to influence vessels hither. It should not be forgotten, however, that according to most reliable accounts, there is a good deal less of last year's crop to come forward, than at one time was calculated on. This much, at any rate, is said to be a fact,—that Canadian ship-agents and owners are making arrangements to provide for additional trade; and the oft-repeated inquiry comes up,—What is to be done about more harbor-accommodation? Recent extensions have been altogether inadequate to the demands of Montreal's increasing business; and so far as can be anticipated this year, the demand for more wharf-room will be greater than ever before. So far as they go, the harbor-improvements are well enough; but the only adequate provision that can be made is to enter upon the best dock-scheme, whatever that may be, and push it forward to completion.

It is very desirable, also, that effectual means should be adopted to reduce the expenses incident to St. Lawrence navigation. There is a flagrant inefficiency in the tow-boats; of 25 or 30 used in harbor and river service, there being only three really competent ones. We are told, that, —excepting those just referred to,—the very best two of the others would be needed to take a ship of 1000 tons down to Quebec safely! As might be expected, high rates have to be submitted to, where the aid of the best tugs is wanted; and vexatious delays have been frequently complained of. The insufficient staff of Pilots is another serious embarrassment. For instance, in 1859 there were 20 Pilots on the Trinity House roll, and 22 in 1860; while in 1861 and 1862, with more than double the arrivals and departures, there were only about 30 Pilots!

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT CONCERNING RIVER-CRAFT.

The subjoined statement gives the number of calls made to, or departures from, the Port of Montreal in 1861 and 1862, by steamers plying on the River,—also, sail-craft, barges, &c. Of course, it does not include the steamers plying hence to the Upper St. Lawrence, which are enumerated on page 18, and the number of their trips noticed in connection with the business of the Lachine Canal on page 17:—

VESSELS AND TONNAGE IN 1861.				VESSELS AND TONNAGE IN 1862.			
	No.	Tons.			No.	Tons.	
Sail-craft, &c., - - -	4,265	377,352		Sail-craft, &c., - - -	3,993	342,564	
Steamers, - - - -	982	152,872		Steamers, - - - -	882	181,427	
	5,247	530,224			4,875	523,991	
Greatest number of River-craft in Port on one day, - - - -	-	196		Greatest number of River-craft in Port on one day (1st November), - - -	-	164	
Greatest number of Steamers " " "	-	28		Greatest number of Steamers in one day (23rd Sept. and 18th Oct.), - - -	-	29	
The first vessel arrived in Port on 24th April.				The first vessel arrived in Port on 23rd April.			
Last vessel departed on 22nd December.				Last vessel departed on 11th December.			

RATES OF FREIGHT FROM MONTREAL TO BRITISH PORTS, IN 1862.

The following Table shows the Rates of Freight for Grain, Flour, and Ashes, from Montreal to Ports in Great Britain, and to Cork "for orders," on Thursday of each week during the Season of Navigation on the River St. Lawrence:—

DATE.	TO	GRAIN.			FLOUR.			ASHES.			DATE.	TO	GRAIN.			FLOUR.			ASHES.		
		Stg. price	per qr.	of 480 lbs.	Stg. price	per brl.	Stg. price	per ton.	Stg. price	per ton.			Stg. price	per qr.	of 480 lbs.	Stg. price	per brl.	Stg. price	per ton.		
May 1	Liverpool	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	Pots. Frs.	s. d.	s. d.	Aug. 21	London...	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	Pots. Frs.	s. d.	s. d.		
	8 Liverpool	6 9	7 0	3 3	4 0						Liverpool...	9 6	10 0	4 6	8 49	40					
	Glasgow	6 9	7 0	2 9	3 8						Glasgow...	9 6	10 0	4 3	4 37	6	47				
" 15	London...	7 0	3 0							" 26 <td>London...</td> <td>9 6</td> <td>10 0</td> <td>4 3</td> <td>4 40</td> <td>50</td> <td>0</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td>	London...	9 6	10 0	4 3	4 40	50	0				
	Liverpool	6 9	7 0	2 9	3 0	....	....	....	....	Liverpool...	9 3	9 6	4 3	4 40	0	....	....	....			
	Glasgow	6 9	7 0	2 9	3 0	....	....	....	....	Glasgow...	9 3	9 6	4 0	4 37	6	47	....	....			
" 22	London...	7 0	7 3	3 0	3 3					" 28 <td>London...</td> <td>9 3</td> <td>9 6</td> <td>4 0</td> <td>4 40</td> <td>50</td> <td>0</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td>	London...	9 3	9 6	4 0	4 40	50	0				
	Liverpool	6 9	7 0	2 9	3 6	27	6	52	0	Sept. 4 <td>Cork f. or</td> <td>10 0</td> <td>10 6</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td>	Cork f. or	10 0	10 6								
	Glasgow	6 9	7 0	3 0	3 0	....	....	....	....	Liverpool...	9 0	9 6	3 9	4 40	0	45	0	....			
" 29	London...	7 0	7 6	3 0	3 8					" 11 <td>Liverpool</td> <td>9 0</td> <td>9 6</td> <td>3 9</td> <td>4 40</td> <td>0</td> <td>45</td> <td>0</td> <td>....</td>	Liverpool	9 0	9 6	3 9	4 40	0	45	0			
	Liverpool	6 9	7 0	3 0	3 0	27	6	52	6	Liverpool...	9 3	9 6	4 0	4 40	0	45	0	....			
	Glasgow	6 9	7 0	3 0	3 0	....	....	....	....	Cork f. or	10 0	10 6	....	....	....	....	....	....			
June 5	London...	7 3	7 6	8 3	3 6					" 18 <td>London...</td> <td>9 0</td> <td>9 6</td> <td>4 0</td> <td>4 3</td> <td>40</td> <td>0</td> <td>45</td> <td>0</td>	London...	9 0	9 6	4 0	4 3	40	0	45	0		
	Liverpool	7 0	7 3	3 0	3 0	27	6	52	6	Liverpool...	9 0	9 3	3 9	4 40	0	50	0	....			
	Glasgow	6 9	7 0	3 0	3 0	....	....	....	....	Glasgow...	9 0	9 3	4 0	4 3	40	0	45	0			
" 12	London...	7 3	7 6	3 3	3 6					" 25 <td>Cork f. or</td> <td>10 0</td> <td>10 6</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td>	Cork f. or	10 0	10 6								
	Liverpool	7 0	7 0	3 0	3 0	30	0	....	....	London...	9 0	9 3	3 9	4 40	0	45	0	....			
	Glasgow	6 9	7 0	3 0	3 0	....	....	....	....	Liverpool...	9 0	9 3	3 9	4 40	0	50	0	....			
" 19	London...	7 3	7 6	3 8	3 6					" 28 <td>Glasgow...</td> <td>8 9</td> <td>9 0</td> <td>3 9</td> <td>4 40</td> <td>0</td> <td>45</td> <td>0</td> <td>....</td>	Glasgow...	8 9	9 0	3 9	4 40	0	45	0			
	Liverpool	7 0	7 0	3 0	3 0	27	6	35	0	Cork f. or	10 0	10 6	....	....	....	....	....	....			
	Glasgow	6 9	7 0	3 0	3 0	....	....	....	....	London...	9 0	9 3	3 3	3 9	40	0	47	0			
" 26	London...	7 3	7 6	3 3						" 25 <td>Liverpool</td> <td>8 9</td> <td>9 0</td> <td>3 3</td> <td>3 8</td> <td>40</td> <td>0</td> <td>47</td> <td>0</td>	Liverpool	8 9	9 0	3 3	3 8	40	0	47	0		
	Liverpool	6 9	7 0	3 0	3 0	30	6	35	0	Glasgow...	9 0	9 3	3 6	3 9	40	0	47	0			
	Glasgow	6 9	7 0	3 0	3 0	....	....	....	....	Cork f. or	10 0	10 6	....	....	....	....	....	....			
July 3	Cork f. or	8 0	8 6							Oct. 2 <td>London...</td> <td>9 6</td> <td>10 6</td> <td>3 6</td> <td>4 0</td> <td>40</td> <td>0</td> <td>45</td> <td>0</td>	London...	9 6	10 6	3 6	4 0	40	0	45	0		
	London...	7 3	7 6	3 6	....	....	....	....	....	Liverpool...	9 9	10 3	3 6	4 0	40	0	45	0			
	Liverpool	6 9	7 0	3 0	3 0	30	6	35	0	Glasgow...	9 6	10 0	3 9	4 0	40	0	45	0			
" 10	Glasgow	6 9	7 0	3 0						" 9 <td>Cork f. or</td> <td>11 0</td> <td>11 3</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td>	Cork f. or	11 0	11 3								
	Cork f. or	8 0	8 6	....	....	....	....	....	....	London...	10 3	10 6	4 0	4 3	50	0	60	0			
	London...	7 6	8 0	3 6	....	....	....	....	....	Liverpool...	10 0	10 3	3 9	4 0	40	0	45	0			
" 17	Liverpool	7 3	7 6	3 6						" 16 <td>Glasgow...</td> <td>10 3</td> <td>10 6</td> <td>4 0</td> <td>4 3</td> <td>50</td> <td>0</td> <td>60</td> <td>0</td>	Glasgow...	10 3	10 6	4 0	4 3	50	0	60	0		
	Glasgow	6 9	7 0	3 3	3 6	....	....	....	....	Cork f. or	11 0	11 6	....	....	....	....	....	....			
	Cork f. or	8 0	8 6	....	....	....	....	....	....	London...	10 6	10 6	4 3	4 6	50	0	60	0			
" 24	London...	8 9	9 0	4 0	4 6					" 23 <td>Liverpool...</td> <td>10 3</td> <td>10 6</td> <td>4 3</td> <td>4 6</td> <td>50</td> <td>0</td> <td>60</td> <td>0</td>	Liverpool...	10 3	10 6	4 3	4 6	50	0	60	0		
	Liverpool	8 0	8 6	3 9	4 6	82	6	35	0	Glasgow...	10 3	10 6	4 3	4 6	50	0	60	0			
	Glasgow	8 0	8 6	3 9	4 0	....	....	....	....	Cork f. or	11 0	11 3	....	....	....	....	....	....			
" 31	Cork f. or	9 3	9 6							" 30 <td>London...</td> <td>9 0</td> <td>9 0</td> <td>3 9</td> <td>4 0</td> <td>50</td> <td>0</td> <td>60</td> <td>0</td>	London...	9 0	9 0	3 9	4 0	50	0	60	0		
	London...	8 9	9 0	4 0	4 6	....	....	....	....	Liverpool	9 0	9 6	3 9	4 0	50	0	60	0			
	Liverpool	8 9	9 0	3 9	4 0	30	0	35	0	Glasgow...	9 0	9 6	4 3	4 6	50	0	60	0			
Aug. 7	Glasgow	8 9	9 0	4 0	4 0					" 6 <td>Cork f. or</td> <td>10 0</td> <td>10 6</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td>	Cork f. or	10 0	10 6								
	Cork f. or	10 0	10 0	4 0	4 6					London...	9 6	10 0	3 9	4 0	4 3	50	0	60	0		
	Liverpool	9 6	9 9	3 9	4 0	40	0	50	0	Liverpool...	9 6	10 0	4 0	4 3	50	0	60	0			
" 14	Glasgow	9 6	9 9	4 0	4 6	40	0	50	0	" 13 <td>Cork f. or</td> <td>10 6</td> <td>11 0</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td>	Cork f. or	10 6	11 0								
	Cork f. or	10 6	0 0							London...	11 0	11 0	4 6	50	0	60	0				
	London...	9 6	10 0	4 3	4 6	40	0	50	0	Liverpool...	10 6	11 0	4 6	50	0	60	0				
" 20	Liverpool	9 6	9 9	4 0	4 3	40	0	50	0	" 20 <td>Glasgow...</td> <td>10 6</td> <td>11 0</td> <td>4 6</td> <td>50</td> <td>0</td> <td>60</td> <td>0</td> <td>....</td> <td>....</td>	Glasgow...	10 6	11 0	4 6	50	0	60	0			
	Glasgow	9 6	9 9	4 0	4 3	40	0	50	0	Liverpool	8 9	9 0	4 0								
	Cork f. or	10 6	10 9							Glasgow...	11 0	p. str.									

TRAFFIC ON THE LACHINE CANAL.

The official statement of traffic on the Lachine Canal, during the season of navigation 1862, shows the number of sail-vessels and barges passing upward to have been 4,502, representing 398,904 tons, which was an increase over 1861 of 103 vessels, or 28,098 tons. The steamers passing up numbered 1,049, representing 119,812 tons; being a decrease, as compared with 1861, of 79 steamers, or 12,427 tons. The passengers upward numbered 11,265, being 4,477 less than in 1861. Had the Canal dues been still enforced, the amount accruing from upward traffic would have been \$29,829 20c., being an increase over 1861 of \$3,635 33c.

The number of sail-vessels and barges passing down the Lachine Canal last year was 3,946, representing 381,068 tons; being one vessel less, but 25,960 tons more than in 1861. The steamers passing down numbered 1,042, representing 121,714 tons; being a decrease, as compared with 1861, of 127 steamers, or 9,909 tons. The passengers downward were 16,218, being 4,987 less than in '61. Had the Canal dues been still in force, the amount receivable would have been \$106,014 51c., showing an increase over 1861 of \$12,467 32c.

excite apprehensions for their safety. Our list is necessarily incomplete; but we can amend it as information comes to hand:—

NAMES OF VESSELS.	Date of Clearance.	Port of Destination.	Flour. brls.	Wheat bush.	Pet. s. bush.	Corn. bush.	Ashes. brls.	Petroleum.
Araby Maid.....	June 7	Cork or Falm'th	..	19,873	..	..	..	....
John C. Ives.....	July 30	Queenstown ...	..	..	..	13,800	..	....
Fatica.....	Aug. 22	Glasgow	128	28,681	..	..	..	....
Thames.....	Sept. 2	Glasgow	4,054	..	..	10,197	1,299	....
Hornby.....	Sept. 10	London	300	15,597	..	..	..	....
Hindoo.....	Sept. 17	Liverpool	..	..	..	..	..	{ 2,451 brls Crude 110 " Refin'd 593 cases "
Kate McLea.....	Oct. 2	Exeter	40	7,751	..	..	..	....
Marina.....	Oct. 29	Aberdeen	550	8,439	..	..	..	....
Sarah.....	Oct. 31	Gloucester	..	..	..	16,260	..	....
Independence.....	Oct. 31	Halifax	650	..	..	..	..	....
Snow Bird.....	Nov. 1	Cork for orders	..	..	..	..	..	{ 506 brls Crude 87 cases " 320 bis Refin'd
Elizabeth.....	Nov. 3	Q'instown or Fal.	..	..	..	13,966	..	....
Saml. Boddington	Nov. 10	Liverpool	2,502	..	23,905	..	..	....
Mary Almida.....	Nov. 11	St. John's, N.F.	940	..	6'0	..	..	....
* Wash'g'tn Irving	Nov. 20	London	2,520	19,098	6,981	..	..	....
* T. F. Parke...	Nov. 21	Falmouth	..	..	..	..	..	{ 1,218 brls Crude 740 " Refin'd
			11,684	98,939	31,486	54,223	1,299	

The two vessels marked with an asterisk (*) are wintering at Quebec. If the foregoing are all the craft wrecked or missing, (and we request ship-owners or agents to favor us with corrections or additions,)—it appears that the aggregate of Breadstuffs cleared from Montreal in 1862, and which has not reached its destination, is equal to 244,568 bushels, rendering Flour into Wheat,—inclusive of 300 barrels of Oatmeal lost on the "Mary Almida." It is thought that the "Independence" may have gone into winter-quarters in some port in the Gulf. The "Snow-Bird" is not known to be lost, but she has not been heard from. The "Sirius" is, we understand, supposed to be lost: she cleared from Sarnia on the 8th Sept., direct for Liverpool, with some 1,500 brls. of Petroleum, and passed out of this harbor on October 2. The "Union," also loaded with Petroleum from Sarnia for Australia, (about 1,700 brls.) is, we understand, wintering at Quebec,—having left Montreal harbor on Nov. 6. The ship "Home," from Montreal, with Flour and Grain for the Clyde, was reported to have struck at Broadhaven, but was subsequently got off; and the "Marie Lucy," with Flour and Provisions for one of the lower ports, which had been reported ashore, is said to have ultimately reached its destination.

TRADE BETWEEN NORWAY AND THE ST. LAWRENCE.

The number of vessels sailing under the flag of Norway, and arriving in this port, has been previously referred to; but our trade with that country deserves more than a casual notice. Of 1,347 sea-going craft entered inwards at Quebec during 1862, 112 were reported to be Norwegian; while of 571 arrivals at Montreal, 20 were vessels of that nationality. Those which come direct to the St. Lawrence, from Bergen and Christiana, bring emigrants; and have in general been chartered in England for return cargoes of breadstuffs or timber.

The first Norwegian vessel which visited this port came in 1853; and, on an average, two vessels arrived each succeeding year until 1860, when the arrivals increased to 7, including one emigrant vessel, with 347 passengers. In 1861, 25 Norwegian vessels reached Montreal, including 5 emigrant vessels, with 1,689 passengers. The emigrant vessels, in both the years mentioned, came from Bergen. In 1862, the arrivals of Norwegian vessels here amounted to 20, among which were included 7 craft, carrying 1,417 emigrants.—4 of the vessels from Bergen and 3 from Christiana. The whole number of emigrant ships from Norway to the St. Lawrence last year, was 26; they carried 5,070 passengers, all of whom were destined for the North-Western States.

It is becoming more and more evident every year, that Montreal is the natural termination of the emigrants' voyage. Their landing here from the vessel which brought them from their Fatherland, would result in considerable saving of time and money both to vessels and passengers. That arrangement has already been found of material benefit to the new-comers, not only as regards convenience, but also comfort and economy.

In noticing the "Sleipner's" homeward cargo, last Fall, it was reported to consist of sample lots of Flour, Wheat, Corn, Rye, Pork, Sugar-Cured Hams, Butter, Ashes, Refined Petroleum, &c.; some of which she loaded here, notwithstanding she had just come down from an experimental trip to Chicago. The result of her venture, it is fully expected will demonstrate that Montreal is, after all, the most eligible market in which Norwegian traders could purchase these articles. Indeed, some Norwegian Captains who came here for the first time last year, have expressed a decided preference for this port, notwithstanding some inconveniences and drawbacks; and it is highly desirable that merchants and shippers in this city will hereafter turn more attention to these men with their good staunch craft,—among other note-worthy points, it being already known to some that freight engagements can be made with them on fully better terms than with many other vessels. We have alluded above to the fact, that Norwegian vessels are generally chartered on the other side of the Atlantic for cargoes here; there can be no doubt, however, that ship-owners in Norway would be gainers were they to send their craft here unchartered, as cargoes can, generally speaking, always be had on better terms than those made in European markets.

FOREIGN CONSULS IN MONTREAL.

Consul for Belgium—JESSE JOSEPH.
 Consul for United States—Hon. J. R. GIDDINGS.
 Vice-Consul for United States—J. W. HOWES.
 Consul for Denmark }
 Consul for France } THOMAS RYAN.
 Consul for Lubec }
 Consul for Hamburg }
 Consul for Bremen }

Consul for Sardinia }
 Consul for Hanover } HENRY CHAPMAN.
 Consul for Spain }
 Consul for Prussia }
 Vice-Consul for Norway and Sweden—HENRY
 CHAPMAN.
 Vice-Consul to the Oriental Republic of the
 Uruguay—F. W. HENSHAW.

III.---Financial Matters.

(From the Daily Witness, Feb. 2.)

The following table shows the Banks, or Branches of Banks, doing business in Montreal,—the year in which they were established,—and the amounts of authorised and paid-up capital, circulation, and specie on hand, on 31st December, 1862 :—

NAME OF BANK.	Estab- lished.	Managers, Cashiers, &c.	Authorized Capital.	Paid-up Capital.	Circula- tion.	Specie.
Bank of Montreal	1818	E. H. King, Manager..	\$8,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$2,466,269	\$2,019,775
Bank of U. Canada	—	E. T. Taylor, Manager	4,000,000	1,905,849	1,581,397	686,933
Commercial Bank	1832	Thos. Kirby, Manager	4,000,000	4,000,000	1,239,837	537,185
City Bank.....	1333	F. Macculloch, Cashier	1,200,000	1,200,000	386,871	255,135
Bank of B. N. A. Am	1836	Thos. Paton, Manager..	4,866,666	4,866,666	926,115	781,337
Banque du Peuple	1835	B. H. Lemoine, Cashier	2,000,000	1,519,470	161,257	115,681
Molson's Bank...	1853	W. Sache, Cashier...	1,000,000	1,000,000	201,853	214,934
Bank of Toronto.	1856	A. Munro, Agent....	2,000,000	799,760	446,439	317,105
Ontario Bank....	1857	H. Starnes, Manager..	2 000,000	1,366,938	604,314	388,005
Banque J.-Cartier.	1862	H. Cotté, Cashier....	1,000,000	313,960	54,792	24,112
			\$28,066,666	\$22,972,643	\$8,069,143	\$5,440,402

The figures in the money-columns of this table are taken from the Auditor's Official Summary; but in reference to the Bank of Upper Canada, it should be remarked that the Stock has been reduced to \$3,000,000. The close of 1862 found our Banks in a most satisfactory condition. Their business with the States is now limited to a cash basis, and they are fully prepared for any emergency that may arise in that country. The apprehension that when the financial panic there culminates, the banking institutions of Canada will be forced to suspend specie payments, is, therefore, entirely groundless.

BANK DISCOUNT DAYS.

Bank of Montreal—Tuesday and Friday.
Bank of Upper Canada—Daily.
Commercial Bank—Daily.
City Bank—Monday and Thursday.
Bank of B.N. America—Wednesday & Saturday.

**Banque du Peuple—Tuesday and Friday.
Molson's Bank—Tuesday and Friday.
Bank of Toronto—Daily.
Ontario Bank—Thursday.
Banque Jacques-Cartier—Daily.**

The chief assets and liabilities of the following institutions on 1st January, 1834, were:—

	Capital paid up.	Circulation.	Specie held.
Bank of Montreal,	\$1,000,000	\$761,191	\$295,483
City Bank,	336,486	136,741	60,976
Bank of Upper Canada,	731,590	793,634	198,613
Commercial Bank,	361,919	325,601	91,552

RATES OF EXCHANGE DURING THE YEAR 1862.

The following Table shows the Rates of Exchange in Montreal and New York, on Friday of each week during 1862; also, the Premium on Gold in the latter city:—

DATE OF QUOTA- TION.	60-day Bank Stg. Exch'ge in Montreal.	60-day Priv'te Stg. Exch'ge in Montreal.	Bank demand drafts on New York	Priv'te dem'd drafts on New York.	Bank 60-day Stg. Exch'ge in N. Y. City.	Premium on Gold in N. Y. City.
	Prem.	Prem.	Dis.	Dis.	Prem.	Prem.
Friday, Jan. 3....	10½ @ 11	9 @ 9½			12 @ 13½	
" " 10....	10½ - 10½	9½ - 9½	3	4½	15 - 15½	4 @ 5
" " 17....	10½ - 10½	9 - 10	2	4	13½ - 14	1½ - 2
" " 24....	10½ - 10½	9 - 9½	3	4	14½ - 15	3½
" " 31....	10½ - 10½	9 - 9½	2	3	13 - 13½	3½ - 3½
Friday, Feb. 7....	10½ - 10½	9 - 9½	2½	3½	14½ - 15	....
" " 14....	10½ - 10½	9½ - 10	3½	4½	14½ - 15	....
" " 21....	10½ - 11	9½ - 10	2½	3½	14 - 15	2 - 2½
" " 28....	10½ - 11	9½ - 10	2	3	14 - 14½	....
Friday, March 7....	10½ - 11	9½ - 10	1½	2½	13	2½
" " 14....	10½ - 11	9½ - 10	1	1½	....	1½
" " 21....	10½ - 11	9½ - 10	1½	2	....	1½
" " 28....	10½ - 11	9½ - 10	1½	1½	11½ - 12	1½
Friday, April 4....	10½ - 10½	9½ - 10	1	2	12 - 12½	1½ - 2
" " 11....	10 - 10½	9 - 9½	1	2	12½	....
" " 18....	10 - 10½	9 - 9½	1½ @ 2	2½	11½	....
" " 25....	10 - 10½	9½ - 9½	1	2	12½ - 12½	2
Friday, May 2....	10 - 10½	9 - 9½	1	1½	12½	1½ - 2
" " 9....	10½	9½ - 9½	1 - 1½	1½ @ 2	13½ - 14	2
" " 16....	10½ - 10½	9½ - 9½	2	2½	14	2½ - 3
" " 23....	9½ - 10	9½ - 9½	....	....	....	....
" " 30....	10	8½ - 9½	3 - 3½	4 - 4½	14½ - 15	4½
Friday, June 6....	10	9 - 9½	3 - 4	4	14 - 14½	3½
" " 13....	10½ - 10½	9 - 10	3½	4	16 - 16½	5½
" " 20....	10 - 10½	9 - 9½	5	5½ - 6½	17½ - 18	7½ - 8
" " 27....	10½	9½ - 10½	8	10	21	9 - 10
Friday, July 4....	10	9½ - 9½	8½	9 - 10	23 - 23½	12
" " 11....	9½ - 10	9 - 9½	12½	13½	28	16
" " 18....	10	9 - 9½	13 - 14½		30 - 31	17 - 18
" " 25....	9½ - 10	9 - 9½	16	16½	29 - 29½	17½ - 17½
Friday, Aug. 1....	9½ - 10	8½ - 9½	12½ - 13	13½ - 14½	26½ - 27	15½
" " 8....	9½ - 9½	8½ - 9	11 - 11½	12½ - 12½	26 - 26½	14½
" " 15....	9½ - 9½	8½ - 8½	12 - 13	12½ - 13½	27½ - 28	15½
" " 22....	9½ - 9½	8½ - 8½	13½	14½ - 15	27½	18½
" " 29....	9½ - 9½	8 - 8½	14½	14½ - 15	27½	15½
Friday, Sept. 5....	9½ - 9½	8½ - 8½	15 - 15½	15½ - 16	30	17½ - 18½
" " 12....	9½ - 10	8½ - 9½	15 - 15½	15½ - 16	30½	18½
" " 19....	10	9 - 9½	13½ - 14½	15 - 15½	29	17½
" " 26....	10 - 10½	9½	15 - 15½	16 - 16½	33	22½
Friday, Oct. 3....	10	9 - 9½	17½	18 - 19	35	22½
" " 10....	10½	9 - 9½	20	20½ - 21	42½	29
" " 17....	10½ - 11	9 - 9½	23 - 24	24½ - 26	48	35
" " 24....	10½ - 11	9½ - 9½	23	25	47	32½
" " 31....	10½ - 11	9½ - 9½	25	25 - 26	43½ - 44	29½ - 30
Friday, Nov. 7....	10½ - 11	9½ - 10	24	25	45½ - 46	31½ - 32
" " 14....	10½ - 11	9½ - 10	24	24½ - 25	46½ - 47	32½ - 33
" " 21....	10½ - 11	9½ - 10½	24	24½ - 25	44½ - 45	30½
" " 28....	10½ - 11	9½ - 10½	23 - 23½	23½ - 24	43 - 44	30½
Friday, Dec. 5....	10½ - 11	9½ - 10½	24½	25	46	32
" " 12....	11	10 - 10½	23½ - 24	24 - 24½	45	31½
" " 19....	10½ - 11	10 - 10½	24½	24½ - 25	45½	32½
" " 26....	10½ - 11	10 - 10½	24½	24½	45	32

For the sake of comparison, we may remark that the average rate of premium on Sterling Exchange has ruled much higher in 1862 than in the year preceding. In the early part of 1861, Bankers' 60-day bills on London varied from 5 to 7½ per cent premium; and, although at the close the price touched 9 to 11 prem., yet the continuance of low rates for about three-quarters of the year reduced the average very considerably. It will be seen from our table that, during 1862, Sterling Exchange has been steady. The lowest rate touched was 9½ prem., and the highest 11 prem. There is not much prospect of a large amount of Exchange being made here for some time to come,—the St. Lawrence navigation being closed, and the discouraging accounts from Great Britain as to the prices of Produce operating to reduce shipments from Portland; so that, although the Exchange market has rather a drooping appearance,—mainly owing to the pressure of Commissariat 30-day Treasury drafts last week,—extremely low rates are not expected for some time to come. Of course, any change of events in the United States would depress or enhance rates.

In addition to the price of Sterling Exchange in Montreal during the past year, our table shows at a glance what the condition of the New York Money-Market has been. The quotations being restricted to a single day in each week of the year, we could not, of course, show the highest point attained by the descriptions of funds noted; it may be stated, therefore, that on October 15 or 16 the rate in New York City for Bankers' 60-day Sterling Bills was reported to have been up to 153, and Gold to 37 prem. On the 27th day of last month (January) our telegraphic advices from Wall Street quoted Sterling Exchange at the very high rate of 170; Gold, 53½ to 54 prem.; and Silver, 44½ prem. On 30th ult., the rates were reported to be,—Sterling Exchange, 173; Gold, 55½ prem.; Silver, 49½ prem.;—and on the following day Sterling Exchange, 176 to 177; Gold, 59½ to 60 prem.; Silver, 51½ prem.,—the value of American bank-notes being on that day (taking Gold as the standard) about 62c. on the dollar! Of course, demand-drafts on New York in this market have sympathized regularly with these variations. It has now become a matter of great importance to be able to keep pace with the relative values of Gold and American bank-notes; and we acknowledge our obligation to Mr. Aug. Girard for a copy in MS. of a very useful table drawn up by him, showing the depreciation of U. S. currency at every point of premium for Gold, from ¼th of 1 per cent. up to 75.

Our province, at this moment, is rather to state ascertained facts, than to speculate about the causes which have led to the fearful monetary crisis in the adjoining Republic, or to prophesy as to future results. It seems clear, for instance, that the advance above noticed is not really in Gold, but a depreciation in paper-money, consequent upon immense issues of U. S. Treasury currency, and enormous expansions by the Banks. It has been estimated that, in less than two months hence, the circulation of Treasury-notes and Postal-currency will amount to about \$450,000,000,—or double their present extent. We are aware that certain advocates of paper-money have endeavored to make people believe that the high premium on Gold was simply the result of speculation, and that the only rise was in the commodities of the Stock Exchange,—the chief articles of merchandise having experienced comparatively little alteration. Merchants, however, tell us that prices of staples have advanced precisely in the ratio of the so-called advance of Gold,—that is, really maintained their relative position to that standard; and, among the articles so affected, are Flour, Wheat, Corn, Staple Groceries, manufactured fabrics, &c. A very excellent authority (*Hunt's Merchants' Magazine*,—see number for February,) gives a statement of the prices of fifty-five articles in the New York market on 31st December, 1862, as compared with the same time in '61, showing the per centum of advance at the close of last year. We select the following:—Flour, 25 per cent. advance; Wheat, 15; Corn, 40; Barley, 60; Oats, 72; Coffee, 40; Sugar, 33; Molasses, 30; Whale Oil, 68; Refined Coal Oil, 33; Mess Pork, 10; Mess Beef, 28; Lard, 25; Cotton Shirting, 220; Cotton Sheetings, 120; Cotton Drills, 110; Satinets, 58; Flannels, 90; Prints, 80; Cloths, 116. Omitting Cotton, Turpentine, Rosin, and Tobacco, as directly more influenced by the war than by over-issues of paper, the average increase in the price of fifty-one articles was 51½ per cent.,—the range being from 10 to 220 per cent.!

The record we have kept did not include the premium on Silver in the New York market. The average difference between the prices of Gold and Silver, frequently ruled at about 7 per cent. comparatively recent coinages of the latter metal having been alloyed to that extent. Frequently, however, there has been a greater disparity, (as, for example, on 27th ult.,) caused, perhaps, by an increased demand for Gold to export, on account of maturing obligations in Europe, as well as by capitalists hoarding their specie. The difference in the price of Silver may also have been affected by a recently reported proposition to further reduce the value of U. S. small coin. And here comes an important consideration. The intrinsic value of U. S. Silver, at one time, induced its prompt acceptance at par in Canada,—it may be said, indeed, to have really become popular. But this very circumstance has latterly been seized as an eligible opportunity to flood the Province with what, we are assured, are really coins of less worth, until no small amount of the well-secured notes of our own Banks has been displaced by them!—glutting the market, and going down to 4½ per cent. discount.

The superabundance of silver coin in Canada has prompted some merchants, we understand, to send off considerable amounts in British shillings to England, to meet obligations in the manufacturing districts. The following figures show the amount of specie brought into Montreal from the States by the National Express Company,—also the exports,—during 1862:—

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Stocks which sell readily, without breaking down seriously, have lately been more freely offered,—the funds being profitably handled in Exchange operations; and this accounts for a comparatively recent slight declension in what might be termed "favorite Stocks." Others not so saleable, maintain their rise, or remain stationary at medium rates. Since the reduction of the stock of the Bank of Upper Canada, the quotations have improved,—53 dis. being the closing price in May,—in July, 12½ dis.,—in December, 9 dis. The decision against the Great Western Railway in favor of the Commercial Bank, operated very favorably for that institution in the Stock market. We have heard it hinted that the London Directors of the Railway consider the suit as irretrievably against them, and that arrangements will soon be made accordingly.